Children's Cabinet Agenda February 26th, 2018

- Welcome/Announcements
- ► Adoption of Minutes
- Overview of Behavioral Health Transition Guidebook
- Presentation on RI Kindergarten Curriculum Project
 - ▶ Diane Girard, Literacy Specialist, RIDE
 - ▶ Lisa Nugent, Early Learning Coordinator, RIDE
 - ▶ Roxanne Gustafson, Director of Educational Programs, Cranston Public Schools
- ▶ Public Comment

Third Grade Reading FY18 Action Plan

- ► Early Literacy Instruction Objectives:
 - ► Expand access to high quality Head Start or State Pre-K to all children who are at high risk (measured by income status)
 - Increase the percentage of all students making progress on acquiring English language proficiency by Grade 3
- ► FY18 Actions:
 - ▶ Fill every available Pre-K and Head Start seat in RI
 - ► Increase the number of classrooms using the Boston Public Schools kindergarten curriculum

RI Kindergarten Curriculum Project

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Background for the project

- December 2011- Race to the Top- Early Learning Challenge
 One of the later goals of the project was to support
 developmentally appropriate, Common Core-aligned
 teaching and learning in kindergarten classrooms
- 2015-2016 Education Development Center Technical Assistance
- Fall 2016 First Kindergarten Conference held in Providence
- Pilot (Cohort 1) RI Kindergarten Project began in 2016-17 SY



Focus on K2 Curriculum Implementation

Participating educators have impacted

- Cohort 1 (SY 2016-17) 21 classrooms
- Cohort 2 (SY 2017-18) 36 classrooms

For SY 2018-19

- Cohort 3 46 classrooms supported with federal funding
 - 8-16 classrooms attend PD free of charge looking for funding sources for materials





Paradigm shifts mean changes in thinking:

from...

seeing play as separate from learning



to...

understanding play as how children learn:

purposeful engagement with ideas, materials, and others



Paradigm shifts mean changes in **practice**:

from...

primarily contentspecific, teacherdirected instruction



to...

planning based on children's interests and strengths,

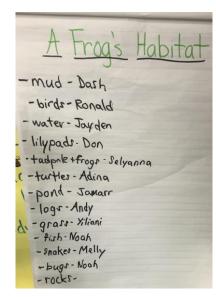
child-initiated, hands-on, integrated experiences,

engaging, authentic discourse,

small group direct instruction



Teaching from an integrated learning approach



opportunities for authentic experiences

helping children make connections across content areas



multiple sources and experiences to build children's skills and expand their understanding







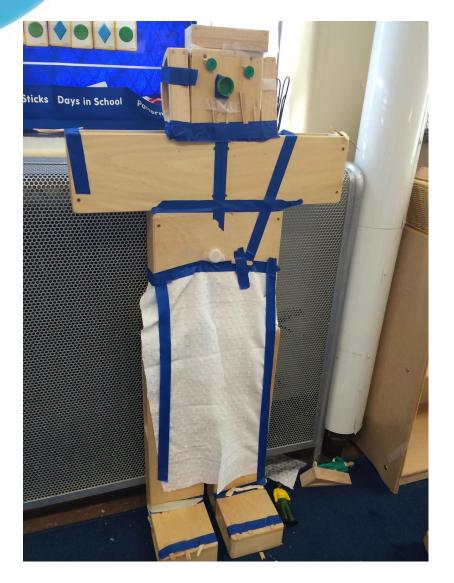










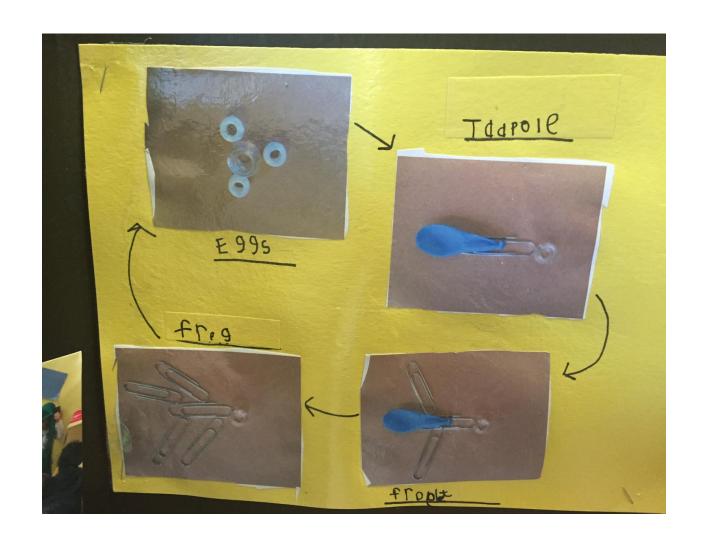






- 24 State Pre-K classrooms will participate in a full two day training on Instructional Best Practices based on the Boston Public School K1 curriculum
- 8 Public School Preschool programs will also participate in the training
- 5 State Pre-K classrooms will continue on-going Professional Development throughout the school year and receive coaching to assist in the implementation of the BPS K1











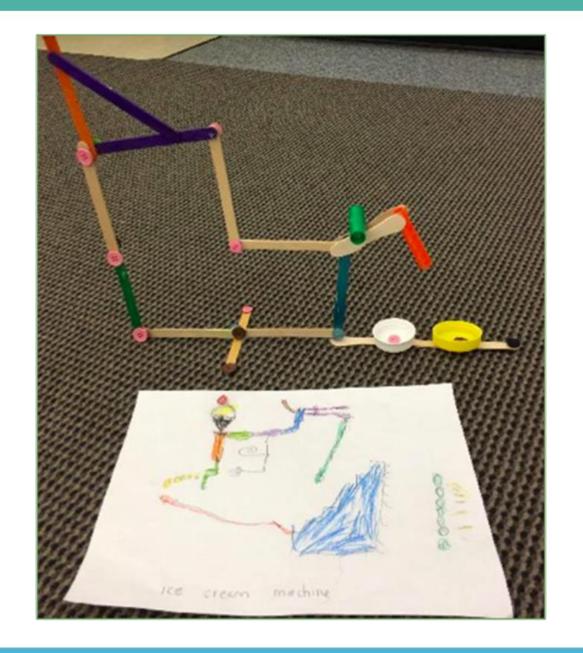










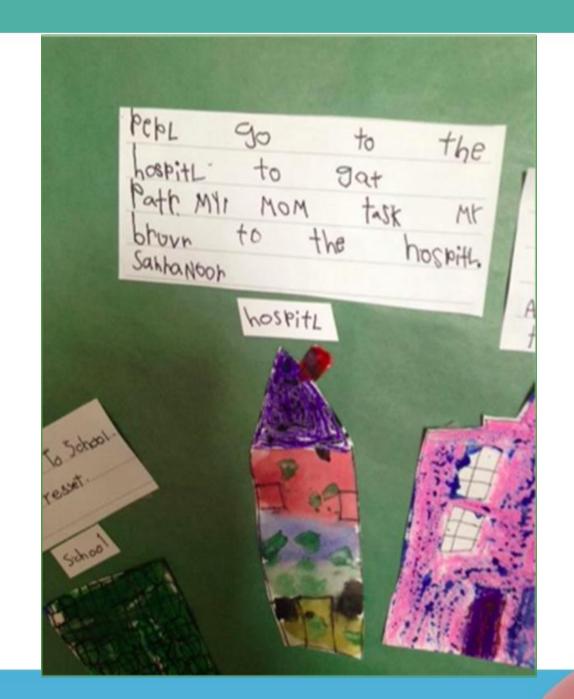






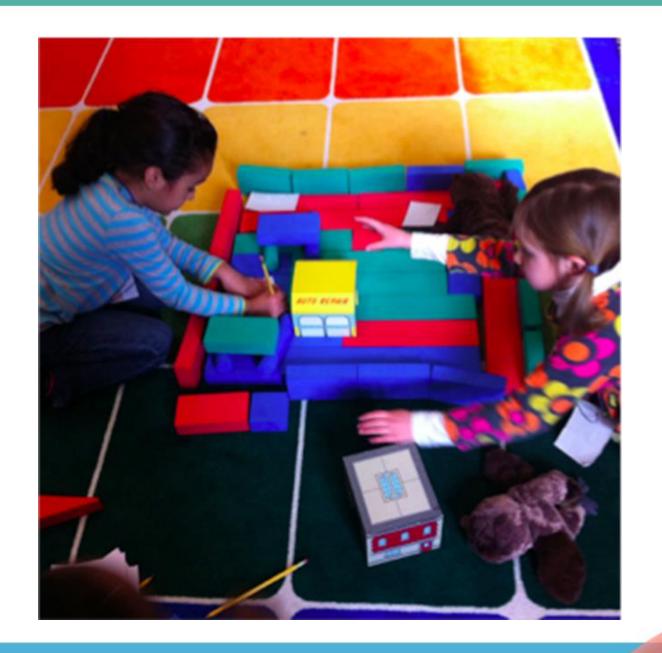
















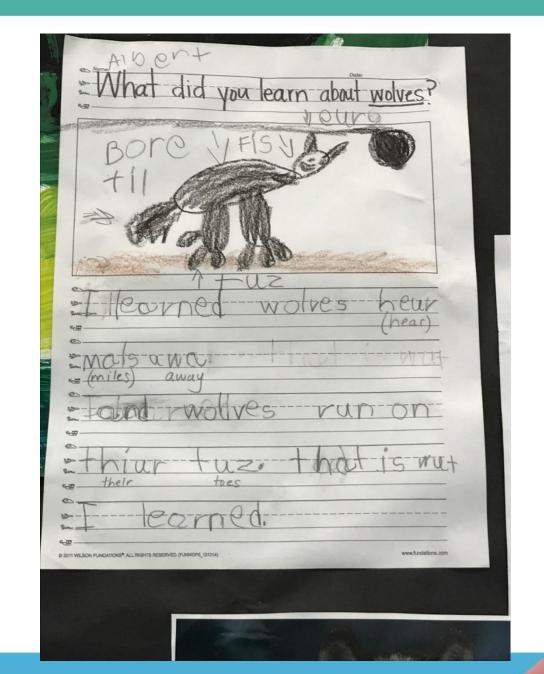






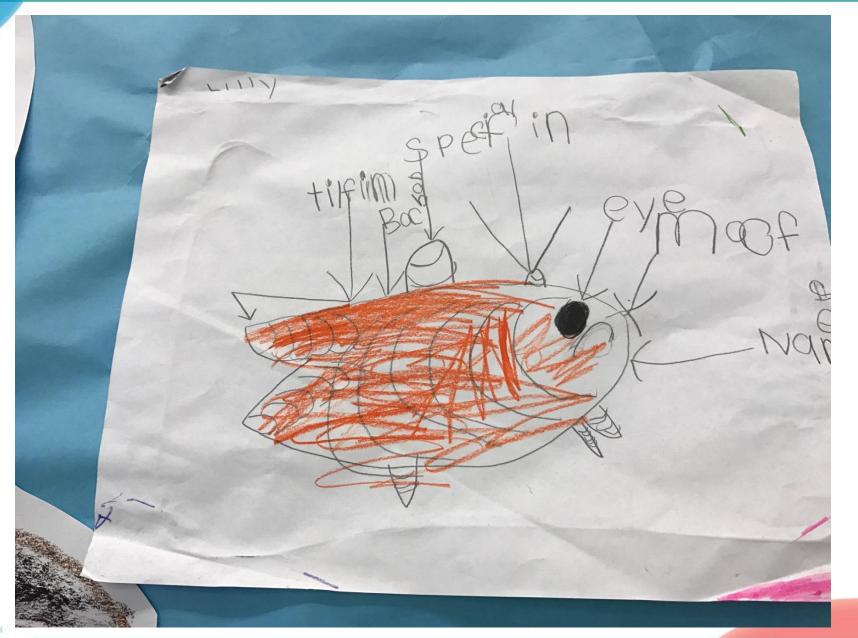












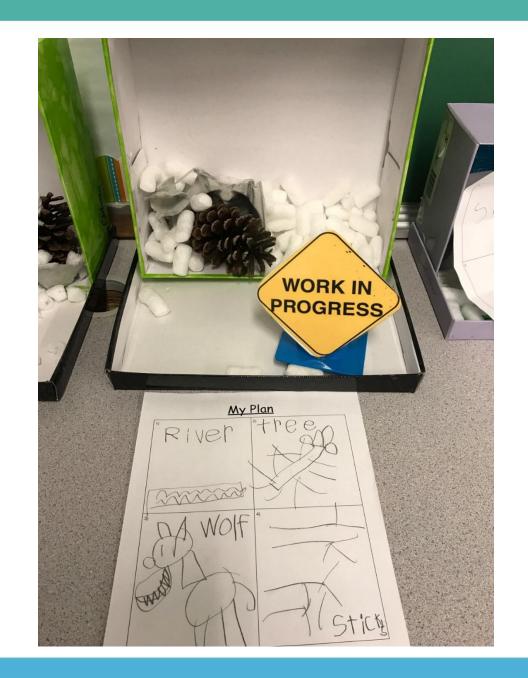












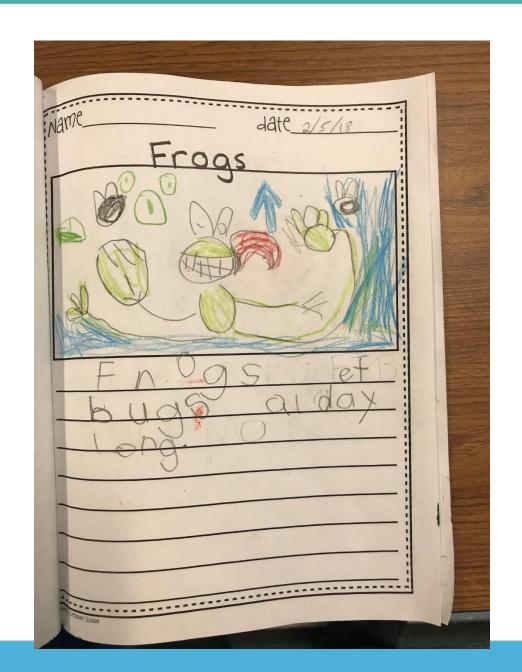












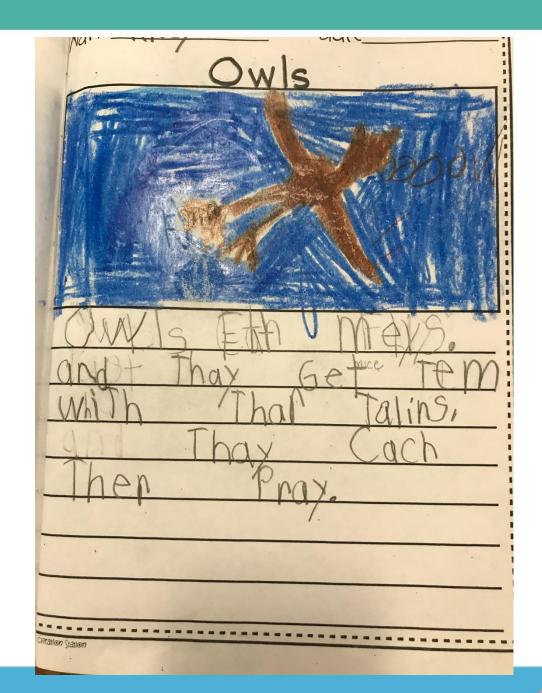






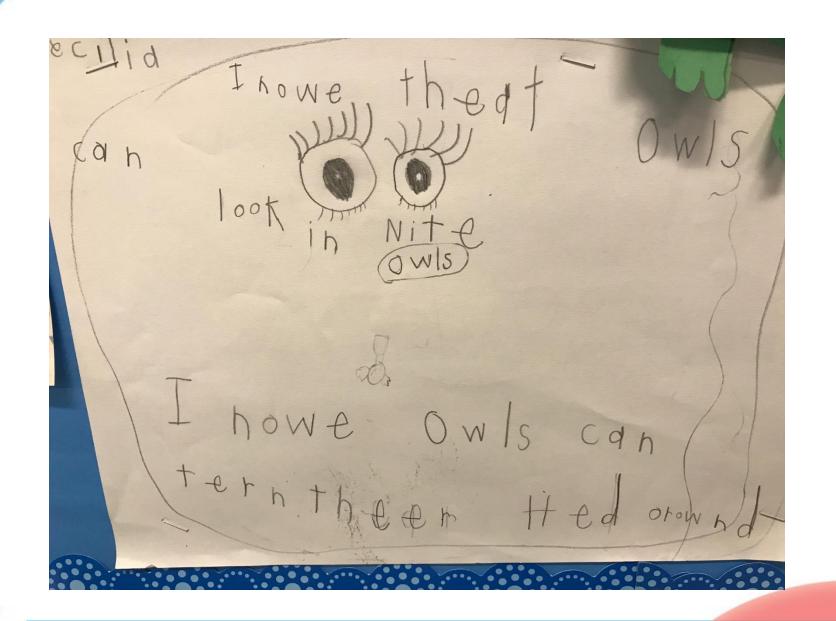






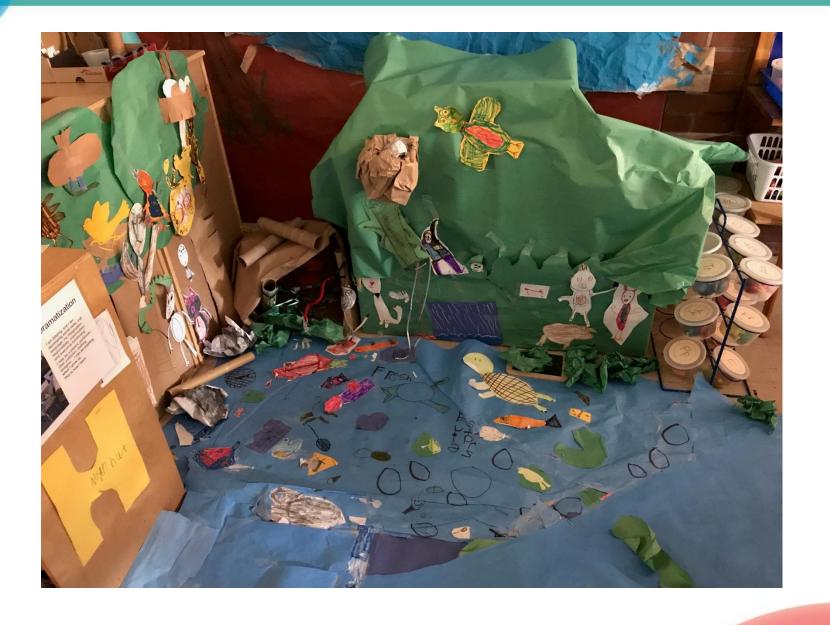














Our Rhode Island Challenge

- Governor Raimondo has asked kindergartners participating in the RI Kindergarten Curriculum Project,
- "What could we build in our state to make Rhode Island a better place for children?"
- ► This spring, kindergarten classes will be making 3D models to share their ideas, and the Governor will visit a classroom to view and celebrate their work
- Children's Cabinet Directors may support this effort by visiting a kindergarten classroom, too